

REMARKS

Twenty claims remain pending in the application, without amendment. Claims 1-16 were allowed, whereas claims 17-20 were all rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,720,131, taken alone or in combination with other cited references.

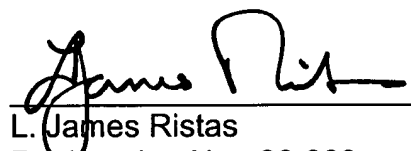
Inasmuch as none of the claims in the present application covers identical subject matter to any claims of U.S. Patent 6,720,131, the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer will overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, applicant encloses herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent 6,720,131.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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